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DEVICE OF SLIDE VALVE :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please note the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 7 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.